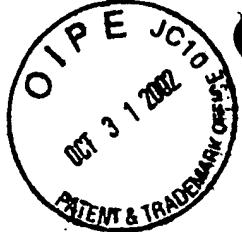


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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CHANGES

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is a copy of Figure 4 with proposed corrections indicated in red.

While Figure 4 of the instant Application originally indicated that a "square" in the weave pattern constitutes the dimension Az, Applicants note that this is not an accurate depiction of the invention as originally disclosed. Applicants submit that "Az" represents the regions between the shaded portions (the unshaded squares), which depict the crossing points between the warp and weft threads, and that Figure 4 depicts four (4) areas Az arranged between the shaded crossing points.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner consider the instant drawing correction and indicate approval of the changes in the next official action.

While Applicants submitted formal drawings with their previous response, upon approval of the instant drawing change, Applicants will prepare and file a new formal

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drawing corresponding to amended Figure 4.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added to the application, and that the instant changes are supported by the originally submitted disclosure, *see, e.g.*, paragraph [0075]. Moreover, as the drawings have now been presented in a form which corresponds to the priority document, which was expressly incorporated by reference into the U.S. application, no question of new matter is raised in the proposed drawing change.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the above proposed drawing corrections, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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